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Bring In
HANUKKAH
at Beth El!

**A COMMUNITY EVENT
FOR ALL AGES!**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2022

**5:45pm: Joyful Musical Shabbat Service with
Hazzan Devorah and Cantor Tracey**

6:30: Holiday Dinner Party!

Games! Adults \$20 Kids 6-12 \$10
Under 6 FREE

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Clergy Corner

Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick

“G-d was in this place and I, I did not know!”

In my opinion this is without a doubt one of the greatest lines in *Torah*. We find it in *Parasha Vayetzei*: “Jacob left *Be'er Sheva*, and set out for *Haran*. He came upon a certain place and stopped there for the night, for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. He had a dream...” (Gen 28:10-12)

This is the story of Jacob’s Ladder—the dream of a ladder with angels going up and angels going down, travelling between Heaven and Earth. Jacob watches in wonder and hears the voice of G-d who promises that the place where he is sleeping— that exact place where he dreams—is an inheritance for him and his descendants, and offers him blessing and protection.

Jacob wakes with a start and exclaims, “*Achein yesh Hashem bamakom hazeh v’anochi lo ya’dati!*”— “Surely G-d was in this place and I, I did not know!”

Awestruck, Jacob continues, “*Mah norah hamakom hazeh!*”—“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the abode of G-d, and that is the gateway to Heaven.” (Gen 28:16-17)

“God was in this place and I, I did not know. How awesome is this place.”

How many times have we looked back on and appreciated the moment we experienced something significant, but did not know it at the time? Maybe it was the first time we met someone who would play a significant part in our life, or the first time we saw or did something that would touch us deeply or teach us an important lesson? We may wish we could somehow go back and whisper in our own ear, “Pay attention! This is important! Know it: G-d is in this moment! *G-d is in this place!*”

G-d is described in *Torah* both as dwelling in *makom* (place) and **being** *makom* (place): G-d was in this place—maybe G-d **was** this place—and did we know? If we had known, would we have perhaps paid better attention? How does knowing G-d is in this place—or even more that G-d is this place, affect our confidence to move forward in new and exciting ways in our lives and in our life work?

The story continues with Jacob marking this special place so he would be able to find it again. He then does something beautiful: He changes the name of the place. “He called that place *Beth El*, though the city used to be called *Luz*.” (Gen 28:19)

Congregation Beth El: *G-d is in this place!* This community, this place that shares a name with the place of *Parasha Vayetzei* is indeed an inheritance for all of us and our descendants. I have absolute confidence that *Beth El is the place* where amazing things will happen for the Jews of Windsor; we simply must believe it and keep in the forefront of our minds that *G-d is here*—we have a hope and a future *in this place*, and the work we do to build our community will be the journey that takes us into the future that G-d has for us. Let’s be innovative and creative in how that will look, and open to new ideas and new ways of *being in this place*.

“Then Jacob made a vow, saying, ‘If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord will be my God.’” (Gen 28:20-21)

May G-d bless us all with light and hope at this special time of the year and *in this place*.

Hazzan Devorah

בְּטַח אֶל-יְהוָה בְּכָל-לִבְךָ וְאֶל-בֵּיתְךָ אֶל-תְּשׁוּעַיִן;
בְּכָל-דַּרְכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יִישַׁר אֲרָחֹתֶיךָ.



December 2022

7 Kislev - 7 Tevet



Join us for Shabbat Evening Services and Torah Study

The service plan through the winter months is to have services at 5:45 pm for three Fridays per month; and have one service (with Michael and Tracey) at 7:00 pm. Since there are five Fridays in December there will be one service only at 7:00 pm. - neither with Michael or Tracey. Tracey is singing at the 5:45 service on December 16th and Michael is healing from a hip replacement surgery the end of November.

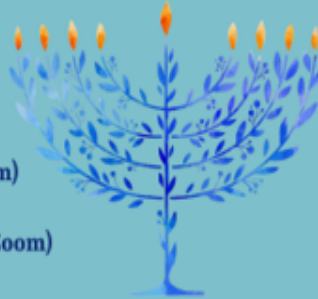
An earlier service time is more accessible for families and to those who prefer not to drive in the dark.

Hazzan Devorah is continuing Torah study in December. Please watch the bulletin & eblasts for session dates.

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Shabbat AT Beth El



Fri., Dec. 2 @5:45pm - Led by H' Devorah (Live & On Zoom)

Fri., Dec. 9 @5:45pm - Led By Audrey Bondy (Live & On Zoom)

Fri., Dec. 16 @5:45pm - Service Followed By Hanukkah Dinner & Live Music
Led By H' Devorah & Cantor Tracey (All Events Live - Service ONLY On Zoom)

Friday Dec. 23 @7:00pm - Led By Audrey Bondy (On Zoom ONLY)

Friday, Dec. 30 @5:45pm - Led By H' Devorah (Live & On Zoom)

*Chag Hanukkah Sameach & Shabbat Shalom
From Your Family at Beth El!*

*At Beth El we are Committed to
Bringing The Windsor Community
Jewish Life that is Egalitarian,
Modern, Engaging, Relevant, &
Always Family Friendly!*

This is Your Jewish Home!

*Shabbat Shalom & May G-d
Bring You Light & Joy In This
Beautiful Season.*

Chag urim sameach!

Shabbat Candle

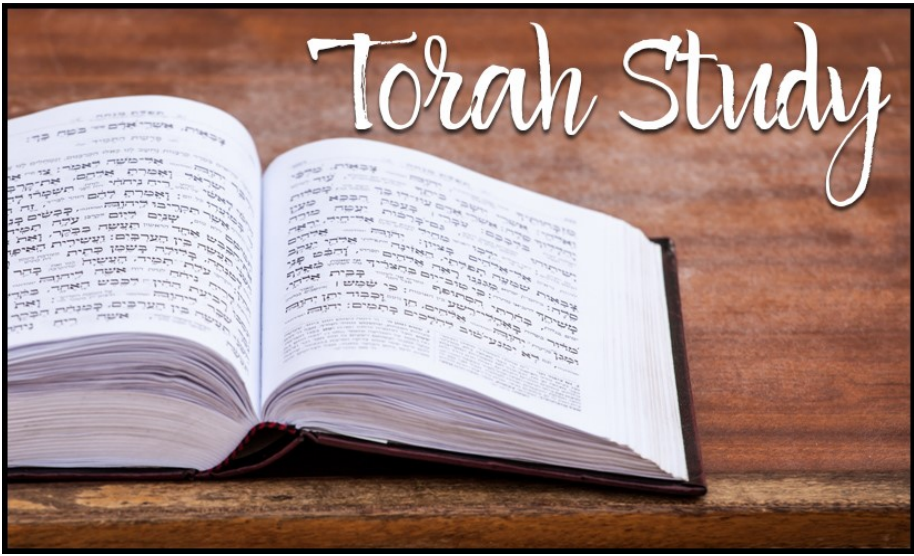
Lighting Times

- December 2 4:42 pm
- December 9 4:41 pm
- December 16 4:42 pm
- December 23 4:45 pm
- December 30 4:50 pm



Parashot-December 2022

December 3	Vayeitze	וַיֵּצֵא	Genesis 28:10-32:3
December 10	Vayishlach	וַיִּשְׁלַח	Genesis 32:4-36:43
December 17	Vayeishev	וַיַּשְׁב	Genesis 37:1-40:23
December 24	Mikeitz	מִקֵּץ	Genesis 44:1_44:17
December 31	Vayigash	וַיִּגַּשׁ	Genesis 44:18-47:27



Torah Study

December 2022
January 2023

Hazzan Devorah will be leading Torah Study

Live in person (preferred) with Zoom option (if unable to attend)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87865480185?pwd=TEFCRkwzcVpWRjNBZG1EYnIFYlJidz09>

Meeting ID: 878 6548 0185

Passcode: 225560


One tap mobile

Join us at
Beth El for: TORAH TALKS


Join Hazzan Devorah in an Interactive Torah Study and Discussion.
In-Person in the Beth El Chapel. Zoom is available -
Email Sarah at bethelwindsor@cogeco.net for the link!

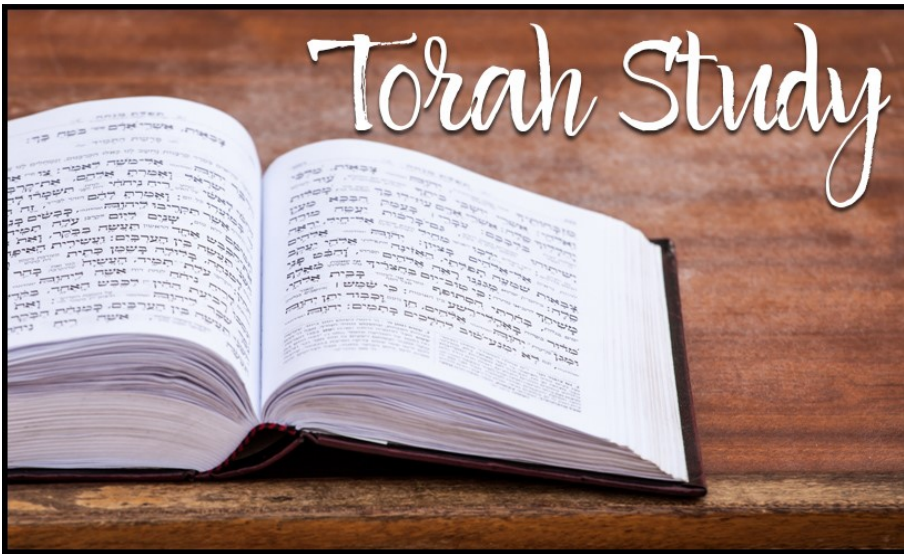
SATURDAY - DEC 3 - 10:00 AM
Parsha Vayetzai: "G-d was in this place and I, I did not know!"

SATURDAY - JAN 21 - 10:00 AM
Parsha Va'eira: "I will take you as my own people, and I will be your G-d."



LET MY PEOPLE GO





Torah Study

December 2022
January 2023

Rabbi Debra Dressler (she/her) is inviting you to scheduled
Zoom meetings

Topic: Torah Study

Time: Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Saturday, December 10, 2022 • 16 Kislev 5783

Saturday, January 14, 2023 • 21 Tevet 5783

Saturday, January 28, 2023 • 6 Sh'vat 5783

All times 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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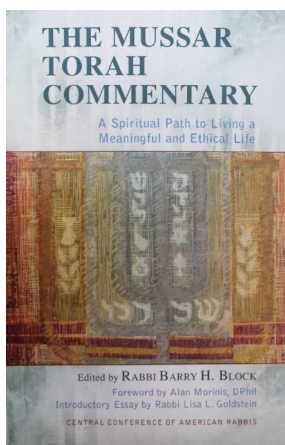
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From: [*The Mussar Torah Commentary A Spiritual Path to Living a Meaningful and Ethical Life*](#)

Rabbi Barry H. Block, Editor



This mussar-based commentary is a vital resource for Torah study, offering a thoughtful analysis of each of the 54 weeks. Each essay in this anthology brings a parashah into juxtaposition with one of the mussar middot (character traits as described within the Jewish school of ethics called mussar), thereby providing an applied lens of mussar teachings that helps us to delve deeper into our tradition with increased mindfulness and intention.



Congregational Happenings December 2022

*Happy
Chanukkah*



Just in time for Chanukkah!

2nd Annual Holiday & Judaica Market

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Congregation Beth El Social Hall

2525 Mark Ave.

*Cards, Gift bags, Menorahs, Candles, Judaica, Jewelry
and More!*

Dairy lunch available

Cash, Visa or Mastercard

Brought to you by C.B.E. Friendship Circle



Congregational Happenings December 2022

**Are You Considering
Judaism?**

**Do you want to learn
more but don't know
where to start?**

We can help!

An Introduction to Judaism Class at
Congregation Beth El
may be right for you if:

You are curious about Judaism and want
to learn more
OR
You feel drawn to Judaism and are curious
about conversion
OR
You are Jewish but would like to brush up
on some of the basics
OR
You are part of an interfaith family and
want to be more involved
OR
(Insert YOUR Reason Here! There are
endless possibilities!)

**An Introduction To
Judaism Class at
Congregation Beth El
is forming soon!**



If you are interested in
learning more
about Judaism, please let
Hazzan Devorah know:
devorah@bethelwindsor.org

Save the Date!

Friday, February 3, 2023

Monday, February 6, 2023

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Shabbat Shirah

Tu Bi'Shevat

Purim

First night of Passover

Second night of Passover

Congregation Beth El Second Seder

Yom Hashoah

Yom Hazikaron

Yom Ha'atzmaut

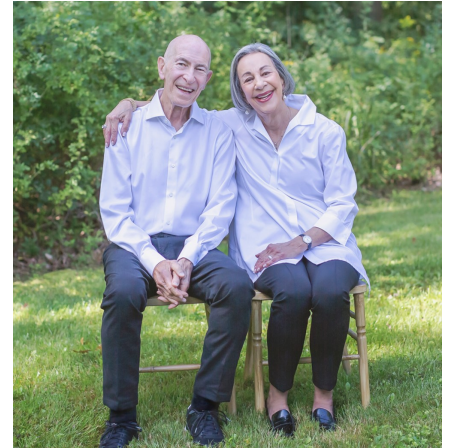




Congregational Happenings December 2022



Happy special diamond jubilee anniversary to Bill and Rochelle Tepperman.
Love Andrew, Tina, Noah, Julie, Jonathan, Alexis, Lia, Nathan, Lily, Benji,
Gerome, Novi and Leo.



**HAVE YOU ALWAYS
WONDERED HOW SOME
PEOPLE CAN CHANT
TORAH FROM THE
SCROLL? IT LOOKS FUN,
RIGHT?**

**Well here's the
truth: It is SUPER
fun and YOU can
learn to do it too!**



**Torah Chanting Class will meet once a week
for 6 weeks on ZOOM!**

There will be 2 sections

**Thursdays: 7-8pm (Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23,
and March 2)**

**Fridays: 11am-Noon (Jan 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24,
and March 3)**

**Cost: FREE for Beth El Members, \$72 for
Non-Members**

****THIS CLASS IS FOR ADULTS WHO CAN READ
HEBREW AT AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OR BETTER. IF
YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR HEBREW READING LEVEL,
PLEASE ASK HAZZAN DEVORAH--SHE CAN ASSESS
YOU AND GET YOUR READING UP TO SPEED IF NEED BE!**

**Contact Hazzan Devorah if you are interested:
devorah@bethelwindsor.org**



Congregational Happenings December 2022

SNOWBIRDS

Please let us know if you wish to receive the Beth El bulletin by mail or email to your Southern address.



Looking for
Latke
Makers!

Our deepest thanks to the following:
Audrey Bondy and Harvey Kessler for generously sharing their time leading services.

To make latkes Thursday morning December 15 for the latke dinner
PLEASE SIGN UP--BY PHONE 519-969-2422 or
EMAIL -- bethelwindsor@cogeco.net
IF ANYONE ALSO WISHES TO VOLUNTEER
WE COULD MAKE LATKES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH FOR
SALE! IT TAKES A TEAM!
(and it will only happen with enough volunteers)
Please let the office know if you would be able to help either
December 15 or December 18 no later than Monday, December 12.



Board
of
Directors
Meeting
December 13
7:00 pm

A REMINDER

In order to qualify for tax receipts for 2022, all donations and dues must be paid by:

Friday, December 30, 2022



Office Closures in December

The office will be open 9:00 am to noon Monday to Friday. Sarah will also usually be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, BUT please call in advance to make sure she is there. During the week of December 19-23, the office is only open Tuesday, December 20 from 10-12 and Thursday, December 22 from 10-12. Closed December 26 and 27
January 2



Temple Beth El

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Congregational Happenings December 2022

From The Friendship Circle

So much sparkle, so much fun! So much blue, so much white!

Hey everyone, we are going to be location central, for all things Hanukkah over the next few weeks! Starting with our 2nd Hanukkah Market, on Sunday Dec 4th, there will be something for everyone. A little of this, a little of that, friends, family, fun.

Oh! and did I mention, a taste of bubbe's kitchen? Yes, there will be deliciousness! Soup, kugel, Israeli salad, bagels, lox and cream cheese, the "schmear". You just never know what we are planning.

So come, shop, eat, chat and enjoy! We love seeing you! Oh, and rumour has it there just might be something for a fur family member. Because I don't know about you, but in another life, returning as a Jewish pet is a happy thought!

The unmistakable smell of latkes, chicken roasting, children singing, music playing and dreidels spinning. It's all happening on Friday, December 16th.

Our own Hazzan Devorah, and the exquisite voice of Tracey Atin, leading us in a little prayer, will be providing a participatory program for our kids. A pre-Hanukkah celebration, like we haven't experienced in much too long. Please join us, We have been working hard to create this special evening. See the information on reserving your spot. It is an absolute must to RSVP.

With so many of you on Social Media, it's part of our life now. So I also ask, if you see one of our advertisements, share, like, and comment! Hazzan Devorah and Karen have really improved our presence! We know this makes a positive impact on our community involvement.

There is a new energy and buzz all around us. We know that the soul of Judaism is a gift, a spark that ignites within us. We have a renewed opportunity to connect. I feel so much positivity. An opportunity for our shul to be both a spiritual home and our "third place". Sorry Starbucks! With that comes the need for a committed team of volunteers.

Do you like to decorate? Cook? Bake? Are you happy to help clean up after a program? Do you or someone you know, have graphic arts skills? Organize a social event? Drive someone to services?

We have some fantastic people now, but in order to grow we need a "mensch crew"! Maybe this could be a traveling crew, willing to help across our entire community. Please think about it. We are a small community, but we are fabulous!

Religious School "And you Shall Teach Them Diligently To Your Children" News

bahm v'dee-bar-ta l'va-ne-cha v'shi-nan-tahm
וְשִׁנַּנְתֶּם לְבָנֵיכֶם, וְדַבַּרְתֶּם בָּם,

Chag Hanukkah Sameach Beth EI!

We are well on our way in the 2022-2023 Religious School Year, and we have big things to tell you about how we are growing and learning in our Jewish identity!

JUNIORS (Jr Kindergarten thru Grade 1) We completed lessons on Shabbat Blessings & have started learning to make Havdalah. As we continue this unit with Marley (Shabbat & Havdalah), we are building "Shabbat Boxes" - handmade kits with everything we need to take Shabbat into the World! Also we have been learning Shabbat songs, the Alef Bet, & numbers in Hebrew!



YOUNGERS (Grades 2 thru 4) Class with Ilia is always fun, especially when he teaches us Blessings for Food and we talk about G-d in Nature. Last month we wrote our own Midrash, talked about what Torah says about how to treat animals, and made a "movie" about the Creation of the World in Bereshit (Genesis).



OLDERS (Grades 5-7) "Mercha, tip'cha, munach, etnachta!" Walk into our classroom and you will hear us learn to chant Torah with Hazzan Devorah (oh wait, that rhymes!), and join fascinating discussions with Inanna about how we might have reacted to the epic Biblical adventures if we were some of the characters in our Torah: Noach, Avraham, Lot, Sarah, and Hagar!



KULANU!! (All of us!!) From learning to chant Torah to practicing blessings, we are building our skills together as a school so that we can become future leaders for the Jewish World! Last month we all practiced leading Sh'ma and Bar'chu with Hazzan Devorah and worked to strengthen our Hebrew reading skills with Gabi. Watch out Beth EI - we will be up there on the bima in no time!

Many thanks to Breakaway Gaming for allowing us to work bingos to raise funds for the Beth EI Religious School expenses



Children's Books available

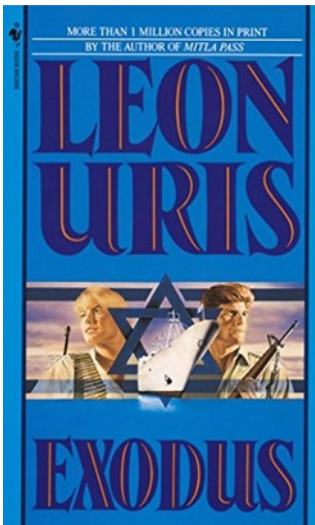
Recently we have been given 2 sizable donations of children's books by families whose children have outgrown them. If anyone is interested in taking or borrowing these books, please contact the office about a time to come to look at them.

Jewish Book Club

Sponsored by Congregation Beth El



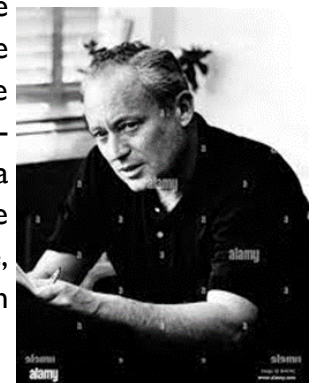
Exodus by Leon Uris



You may wonder why we have chosen to read a novel which has been out of the public eye for many years. At the time, EXODUS was a book found not only in almost every Jewish household but in almost everybody's house. Published by Doubleday in 1958, it became an international publishing phenomenon, the biggest bestseller in the United States since *Gone with the Wind* and still at number one on The New York Times Best Seller list eight months after its release. By the time it came out in paperback in 1965, the hardback had already sold more than five million copies and was among the top 10 in the *New York Times* all-time best sellers list. Two years later, a three-and-a-half-hour film based on the novel was produced by Otto Preminger for MGM with the screenplay written by Dalton Trumbo, and its popularity in theatres was just as great. Today you can hardly find EXODUS in libraries. Sixty-five years will have passed between the book's appearance and our meeting next week: Israel has changed, the Middle East has changed, the whole world has changed, and we all have grown 65 years older. We thought it would be a fascinating opportunity to read or re-read the book today and to discuss it as a literary work, as a now historical event, and as a story which touched readers deeply then but might be seen differently today.

Leon Uris grew up with his immigrant Jewish parents in Baltimore, MD. He never graduated from high school because he enlisted in the US Marine Corps right after Pearl Harbor. He served as a combat Marine in the South Pacific and afterward became a journalist and writer. He had his first success with his novel BATTLE CRY, reflecting on the war in the Pacific. As a foreign correspondent, he covered the Suez Crisis of 1956.

EXODUS is a long book, but an easy read, with adventure, heroism, and love in the epic story of the running of the British blockade of Palestine in the final days of the Mandate and the defeat of the surrounding invading Arab armies following the approval of the UN plan for the partition of Palestine. Obviously, though it is a one-sided novelistic account of the struggle in the 1950s and cannot be judged as a historical document, newer reviews of the book are just as obviously colored by the reviewer's political stance. The book came out ten years after Israeli independence, but at a time of unresolved questions for Jews and the world which remain unresolved today. We will be able to discuss all these questions when we meet.



The Book Club will meet on Zoom on January 11th at 7:00 PM

Mishpacha-Our Congregational Family

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes



מזל טוב



To those celebrating birthdays in December

- 1 Sally Goldhar
- 1 Dr. Elise Milrod
- 6 Freya Zaltz
- 6 Asaf Klein
- 16 Brett Malowitz
- 17 Marley Pazner
- 20 Jordana Strosberg
- 21 Maria Belenkova-Burford
- 22 Bill Tepperman
- 25 Maxwell Abraham
- 25 Kim Katz
- 27 Jaclyn Zaltz



To those celebrating anniversaries in December

- 12 Cheryl & Michael Blacher
- 20 Barrie & Maureen Rubin
- 24 Larry & Judith Polsky
- 26 Bill & Rochelle Tepperman
- 28 Peter & Fern Miller
- 30 Sam & Mary Zaltz



Good Health Wishes - R'fuah Sh'leimah A complete healing to:



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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Dorothy Buckhalter | Hannah Levin | Nina Zlotnik | Tony Lee |
| Valerie Horner | Mildred Silver | Morton Kaplan | Cindy Jeris |
| Jackie Farrell | Rona Paquette | Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser | Jennifer Karmona |
| Louise Ziff | Miriam Schnayer | Tamara Fishman | John Farrell |
| Rita Karp | Avraham Labe | Martin Gene | Bonnie Levine |
| Richard McGuinty | Marla Rivard | Lindsay Martin | Burton Pazner |
| Michael Ricketts | Kathy Selby | Kevin Killop | Klara Lobatch |
| | Igor Kurganska | Maiia Klaz | Mark Morrison |

מי שְׁבֵרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵנוּ
מִקּוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמּוֹתֵנוּ.

May the Source of Strength,
Who blessed the ones before us,
Help us find the courage
to make our lives a blessing,
And let us say: Amen.

Thank you to all our members who contribute to our many funds. A gift of \$18 to the Temple is a very meaningful way to congratulate a friend or family member on happy occasions or to express get wells or condolences. Please remember Beth El with your donations. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. If you wish to have your birthday or a family member's birthday or your anniversary listed in the bulletin, please contact the Beth El office at 519-969-2422.. To ensure that you receive your bulletin, please call us if you have a change of address or if you wish to receive your bulletin by e-mail.

Yahrzeits
December 2022



May their memories always be for a blessing

זייל Zichronam L'vracha - We remember

1	BESS ORMAN	13	FANNY SHANBAUM	21	DOROTHY HUME
2	MELITA SILVERMAN	14	EVA SIONOV	22	HARRY GOLLAN
2	FRANCES KATZMAN	16	MERVIN KATZMAN	22	ROBERT M. ROSEN
3	JENNY LUBARSKY	17	EVA SELBY	22	HARRY HOFFMAN
3	PHILIP SHULMAN	17	IRWIN FISHER	23	HYMAN LASKY
3	DONALD B. UNGAR	17	GERTRUDE RUDOVER	24	PRISKA LINGES
4	SARAH RUBENSTEIN	17	SHIRLEY POMERANTZ	24	DR. HARVEY ATIN
5	MAYBEL BURSTYN	18	LEONARD BRAITMAN	25	HELEN HALPERT
5	CATHERINE REMSING	18	DAVID ROSENTHAL	26	SAM GOREN
5	ISADORE GARBER	18	SOPHY LEVINE	27	JANE FREED
5	MARY PACKER	18	DAVID LESANSKY	27	JOSEPH M. COHEN
5	DOROTHY HOCHMAN	19	SUZANNE SELBY	27	EMERSON COLE
8	BARBARA SHANBAUM	20	ESTHER CHEIFETZ	27	I.B.(BUTCH) MERETSKY
9	DIANE BOTTON	20	MANYA SHKLOV	28	ESTHER SPERBER
11	AARON KATZMAN	21	MARIA BELIAKINA	28	IRVING GRUNIER
11	JENNY SHKLOV	(PEVZNER)		30	SIMON SCHNAYER
13	SANTE LEVINE	21	EPHRAIM FRANK LYONS	31	NATHAN ROTMAN
		21	ISAAC ALEXIS		

**Our Congregation mourns and
condolences are extended to:**

To Lanny Joffe on the loss of her beloved sister-in-law,
Trudy Oistacher



In the rising of the sun and in its going down, **We remember them.**
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, **We remember them.**

Tzedakah December 2022



Thank you to those who have given generously to Congregation Beth El this month. Gifts are a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, the arrival of a child, or to remember the life of someone who has passed away. Your donations to these Temple funds are greatly appreciated.

Prayer Book Fund

A prayer book has been inscribed in memory of Joyce Garber beloved mother of Rhonda Robson & Janis Rosenberg by: Rhonda Robson & Janis Rosenberg.

Building Maintenance Fund

In memory of Gerald Ronald Schen, beloved husband and father of Irene & Theo Schen by: Lawrence Pazner & family.

Friendship Circle Fund

Speedy recovery wishes to Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser by: Sarah Shklov.

Good health wishes to Mark Morrison by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Good health wishes to Rabbi Jeffrey Ableser by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Honouring Cheryl & Michael Blacher on the marriage of their daughter Aviva to Tyler by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Honouring Andrew & Tina Tepperman on the bar mitzvah of their son Nathan by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Honouring Bill & Rochelle Tepperman on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Nathan by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Good health wishes to Lanny Joffe by: Charles & Karen Rosen.

Ted Hochberg Memorial Fund

In memory of Gerald Levine, beloved husband of Barbara Levine by: Sharon Hochberg.

Ethel & Harry Hoffman Memorial Fund

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"It is a tree of life to all who grasp it, and whoever holds on to it is happy; its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace."
(Proverbs 3:17-18)

Vayeitzei

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And [Jacob] Left

Genesis 28:10-32:3

December 3, 2022

Jacob dreams of angels going up and down a ladder. God blesses him. Jacob names the place Bethel. (28:10-22)

Jacob works seven years in order to marry Rachel, but Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah, Rachel's older sister. (29:16-25)

Jacob marries Rachel but only after having to commit himself to seven more years of working for Laban. (29:26-30)

Leah, Rachel, and their maidservants, Bilhah and Zilpah, give birth to eleven sons and one daughter. (29:31-30:24)

Jacob and his family leave Laban's household with great wealth. (31:1-32:3)



Vayishlach

וישלח

[Jacob] Sent

Genesis 32:4-36:43

December 10, 2022

Jacob prepares to meet Esau. He wrestles with a "man," who changes Jacob's name to Israel. (32:4-33)

Jacob and Esau meet and part peacefully, each going his separate way. (33:1-17)

Dinah is raped by Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, who was chief of the country. Jacob's sons Simeon and Levi take revenge by murdering all the males of Shechem, and Jacob's other sons join them in plundering the city. (34:1-31)

Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin and is buried in Ephrah, which is present-day Bethlehem. (35:16-21)

Isaac dies and is buried in Hebron. Jacob's and Esau's progeny are listed. (35:22-36:43)

Vayeishev

וישב

[Jacob] Settled

Genesis 37:1-40:23

December 17, 2022

Jacob is shown to favor his son Joseph, whom the other brothers resent. Joseph has dreams of grandeur. (Genesis 37:1-11)

After Joseph's brothers had gone to tend the flocks in Shechem, Jacob sends Joseph to report on them. The brothers decide against murdering Joseph but instead sell him into slavery. After he is shown Joseph's coat of many colors, which had been dipped in the blood of a kid, Jacob is led to believe that Joseph has been killed by a beast. (Genesis 37:12-35)

Tamar successively marries two of Judah's sons, each of whom dies. Judah does not permit her levirate marriage to his youngest son. She deceives Judah into impregnating her. (Genesis 38:1-30)

God is with Joseph in Egypt until the wife of his master, Potiphar, accuses him of rape, whereupon Joseph is imprisoned. (Genesis 39:1-40:23)



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After [Two Years]

Genesis 41:1-44:17

December 24, 2022



Joseph interprets Pharaoh's two dreams and predicts seven years of prosperity followed by seven years of famine. (41:1-32)

Pharaoh places Joseph in charge of food collection and distribution. (41:37-49)

Joseph marries Asenath, and they have two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. (41:50-52)

When Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to buy food during the famine, Joseph accuses them of spying. He holds Simeon hostage while the rest of the brothers return to Canaan to retrieve Benjamin for him. (42:3-42:38)

The brothers return to Egypt with Benjamin and for more food. Joseph continues the test, this time falsely accusing Benjamin of stealing and declaring that Benjamin must remain his slave. (43:1-44:17)

Vayigash

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And [Judah] Approached [Joseph]

Genesis 44:18-47:27

December 31, 2022

Judah pleads with Joseph to free Benjamin and offers himself as a replacement. (44:18-34)

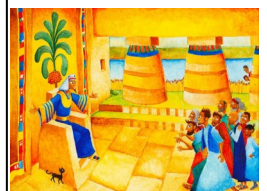
Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and forgives them for selling him into slavery. (45:1-15)

Although the famine still rages, Pharaoh invites Joseph's family to "live off the fat of the land." (45:16-24)

Jacob learns that Joseph is still alive and, with God's blessing, goes to Egypt. (45:25-46:33)

Pharaoh permits Joseph's family to settle in Goshen. Pharaoh then meets with Jacob. (47:1-12)

With the famine increasing, Joseph designs a plan for the Egyptians to trade their livestock and land for food. The Israelites thrive in Egypt. (47:13-27)



Events and Announcements For Your Information

RABBINIC SERVICES- Congregation Beth El is pleased to be working with Hazzan Devorah Tucker-Fick and Rabbi Emeritus Jeffrey Ableser for the 5783 year. Please call the office at 519-969-2422 if you wish to contact either of the above.

SIMCHAS- Please notify the office by the 15th of each month, if you wish to have a special event in your life (simchas, life-cycle events, etc.) published in your bulletin.

STONE DEDICATIONS & UNVEILINGS- A Rabbi will be available to perform Unveilings and Stone Dedications. Please contact the Beth El office to make arrangements. We kindly request that you advise the office of any Unveiling dates to be announced in the Beth El bulletin (please advise us if you wish the unveiling to be private and unpublished). The office will contact the Cemetery Caretaker to make the necessary preparations at the Cemetery before the unveiling.

SPECIAL NOTICE- When scheduling a simcha, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, or Kiddush, please schedule your date first with the Rabbi, and then, after talking with the Rabbi, please confirm arrangements with the Beth El office. When holding such events please advise the office of catering details, deliveries, set-up of tables, number of guests expected, etc. so that we may avoid any misunderstandings and your event will be a pleasant one for all. Thank you for your consideration.

SUPPORTING CONGREGATION BETH EL- A donation to Beth El is a wonderful way to congratulate friends and family on simchas, as well as a thoughtful and meaningful way to extend condolences. A contribution card will be mailed to the recipient (minimum donation \$18). You can phone the office at 969-2422 or the office can take your requests for donations on-line (or any other request, such as names to be included on our Mi Sheberach list, yahrzeits to be read, reservations for events) through our email address: bethelwindsor@cogeco.net.

NOTICE- We would like to recognize the achievements of all our members, from our youngest children to our seniors. Whatever your achievement, we would like to send a hearty mazal tov to you in the Bulletin so everyone will know of your efforts! If you have a simcha, please call and provide us with details! Thank you for your cooperation.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH- Please call the office for further details.

CANNABIS POLICY- As our Members will be aware, the recreational use of Cannabis has been legalized by the Provincial Government as of October 17th, 2018. The Board of Directors considered the impact of this new legislation at their Board Meeting convened October 16th, 2018. At that time, the Board agreed that not only would the recreational use of Cannabis on Beth El property not be in keeping with the family values that Beth El aspires to, but the recreational use of Cannabis in public places is still prohibited, despite the new legislation. The Board accordingly unanimously agreed to prohibit the use of Cannabis on Beth El property, at all times. The Board asks that Members and their guests respect this decision and adhere to it fully.

CEMETERY NOTICE

The Beth El Cemetery is open:

April - November M-F 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
SUN 9:00am – 4:00 pm
December - March M-F 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
SUN 9:00 am – 6:00 pm



Closed Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

The gate is kept shut, with the chain and lock wrapped around to keep it closed – although the lock may not actually be locked. This is to prevent vandalism in our cemetery. If you have a problem getting in, there is a sign posted on the Shaar Cemetery fence with a phone number that may be called.

LET US KNOW WHO IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Due to privacy laws; we are only advised if someone is ill or in the hospital if family or friends call and let us know. If a member is struggling and needs a visit or other help, please call the office at 519-969-2422, or after hours or an emergency contact Sarah at 519-991-3471.

There are members of our community who will visit the sick, but we need access to the information.

Bikkur Cholim or “Visiting the sick, is a very important Jewish value. In addition to the calls and visits to your ill family and friends, you can help to perform this mitzvah too.

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A program of the HAROLD GRINSPOON FOUNDATION

The WJCC is thrilled to announce its participation in the LIFE & LEGACY® program. To make this program happen The Jewish Community Endowment Fund of Windsor (JCEFW) is partnering with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) to help start a community-wide legacy giving program, creating a shared goal for the organizations to work toward. As a part of the collaboration, JCEFW will partner with the WJCC, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Windsor Chabad as a part of the four-year program that provides coaching, training, and incentive grants to ensure that legacy giving becomes integrated in the philanthropic culture of the community.

If you would like to learn more about Windsor's Life & Legacy program, please contact Windsor's Life & Legacy Coordinator Richie Kamen at richard@jewishwindsor.org or (519) 973-1772 (227)



The Windsor JCC is now open . Please go to www.jewishwindsor.org for programming information, hours of operation and the events calendar. Exciting new programs are under development and will be announced when ready.

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TOGETHER WE GO FORWARD

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN 2023



Join us for the 2022 UJA Campaign !

Dear Community Member,

The United Jewish Appeal (UJA) is a critical component of our revenue operating budget, and helps us pay for our programming, staff salaries and building & general administration costs. The past five years have seen a significant decline in UJA donations, and our ability to operate to our full potential is limited if we cannot reverse this trend. As you know from your personal spending, inflation in the past year has also significantly impacted costs. I know that this makes giving more difficult for many of you, but every dollar donated helps us to provide you the programming and services that you expect from the Windsor Jewish Federation & Community Centre.

I am asking for your help. We are looking at all areas to increase revenues, hold the line and reduce expenses wherever possible. Every dollar donated contributes to the financial health and increases the programming and services we can provide for our Jewish community.

I hope we can count on you.

Sincerely,

Mark Morrison

Treasurer

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SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB
WITH LUNCH INCLUDED

The First Monday of every month at noon at the WJCC, must RSVP for each club meeting

Senior Social Club

The Windsor Jewish Federation is excited to announce that we will be introducing a senior social club beginning in February 2023 for seniors (55+) at the Windsor JCC on the first Monday of every month at noon. Each club meeting will include lunch and soft drinks and will cost \$10 per person (cash only at the door). The first club meeting will be on Monday, February 6th at noon, followed by March 6th, April 3rd and so on, (first Monday of every month).

Location: Windsor Jewish Community Centre | 1641 Ouellette Avenue | Windsor

To be able to attend you must RSVP to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at (519) 973-1772 ext. 225.



Free, One on One Computer Classes For Anyone 65 Years of Age or Older

Does your keyboard have you kvetching? Mouse make you meshuggeneh? Thanks to a generous grant from the New Horizons Senior Program, The Windsor Jewish Federation will begin offering FREE, ONE ON ONE Computer Classes with our IT Consultant, Nick MacPherson for community members 65 and up.

For more information and to register please contact Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at (519) 973-1772 ext. 225.

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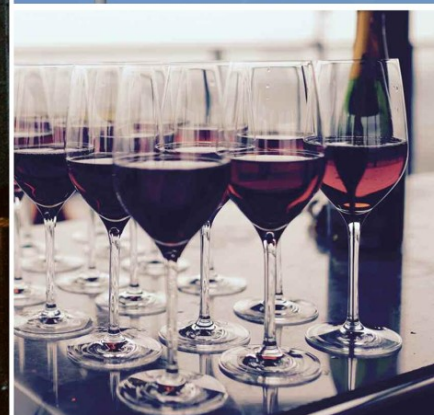
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The Windsor Jewish Federation & Community Centre Presents

ARGENTINA NIGHT AT THE WJCC

Thursday, December 1 at 7PM



The Windsor Jewish Federation is bringing back our “Kosher Food and Wine Around the World” series on Thursday, December 1st at the Windsor JCC. Next stop, Argentina! Join us for a fun and educational evening with Kosher Argentinian food and wine along with a presentation from Argentinian native and Executive Director for the Hamilton Jewish Federation, Gustavo Rymberg as well as the Windsor JCC’s sommelier Michelle Turnbull. \$20 per person.

Location: Windsor Jewish Community Centre | 1641 Ouellette Avenue | Windsor



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Hazzan Devorah will be participating in this event

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DISCUSSION ON FEMALE CLERGIES IN 2022

Thursday, December 15 | 7pm



Judaism is a constantly evolving religion which has seen many new revelations, particularly over the last couple of centuries. One of these, is the idea of female clergies. Join us at the Windsor JCC on Thursday, December 15th for an in-depth discussion on this topic, featuring a diverse panel of current female and male spiritual leaders.

Location: Windsor Jewish Community Centre | 1641 Ouellette Avenue | Windsor



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Last year, we were able to help many families and raised \$6,200.00 for 25 families through the Salvation Army.

Providing sustenance for a family can start at \$200 (tax receipts can be issued), for the entire family, plus whatever new clothing, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items you wish to provide. Grocery gift cards are an excellent format for making a gift and supporting a family. This will be appreciated by many families, especially at this time.

If interested, please contact Congregation Beth El at bethelwindsor@cogeco.net / 519-969-2422 and we will notify Jonathan Bruneau until Monday, December 19th, 2022.

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Inscribe your family "Simchas" on our synagogue's Tree of Life. An inscription is a permanent dedication to the happy meaningful events that touch our lives. Leaf inscriptions are \$150.00 and stone inscriptions are \$1000.00 Please call the Beth El office to order

Golden Book

The Golden Book in the Beth El lobby may be inscribed for Simchas for any occasion for a donation of \$36.00.

Memorial Plaques

To honour your loved ones who have passed away, a memorial plaque shows a genuine sign of religious feeling. It bears the individual's name with the Hebrew and secular dates of death. A contribution of \$350.00 to the Temple secures this memorial inscription. Please call the Beth El office 519-969-2422 to order.

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